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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: CONTINUED MILITARY AID TO TURKEY

FROM HOLTON TO THE SECRETARY

1. THE SENATE PASSED THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION
(H.J. RES. 1131) TODAY WITH THE HOUSE LANGUAGE ON
CONTINUED MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AS FOLLOWS:

"NONE OF THE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE HEREIN SHALL
BE OBLIGATED OR EXPENDED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
OR FOR SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES
(WHETHER FOR CASH OR BY CREDIT, GUARANTY, OR ANY
OTHER MEANS) OR FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANY
MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES TO TURKEY UNTIL
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AND UNLESS THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES TO THE CONGRESS

THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AND ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUCH ACTS, AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING MILITARY FORCE IN CYPRUS."

2. AT 6:30 P.M. THIS EVENING, BY A VOTE OF 40-35, THE SENATE PASSED THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THAT THE PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SUSPEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 505 (D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AND SECTION 3 (C) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT AND THE PROVISIONS OF H.J. RES 1131 IN THE CASE OF TURKEY DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 15, 1974, IF ;E DETERMINES THAT SUCH SUSPENSION WILL FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS CONFLICT."

3. THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE WHERE WE ARE INFORMED FROM THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE THAT IT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE HFAC. IT CANNOT BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO THE HOUSE FLOOR ABSENT UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4. AT THIS WRITING, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET A JUDGMENT FROM THE HFAC ON WHETHER POSITIVE ACTION WILL BE LIKELY. PRESUMING POSITIVE ACTION IN COMMITTEE, THOSE LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE THUS FAR CONSULTED (RHODES, DERWINSKI, AND FRELINGHUYSEN) ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FAVORABLE FLOOR ACTION AT THIS TIME. IF THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION SHOULD FAIL IN THE HOUSE, AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD VETO THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION, THE CONSENSUS ON THE HILL IS THAT THE HOUSE WILL OVERRIDE THE VETO BUT THE SENATE ON A MUCH CLOSER VOTE WILL SUSTAIN. IF THE VETO IS SUSTAINED, A NEW CONTINUING RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE EAGLETON-ROSENTHAL LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH ONE AS MODIFIED BY THE MANSFIELD RESOLUTION OF PARAGRAPH TWO MIGHT THEN BECOME A VIABLE COMPROMISE. INGERSOLL

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